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1953 QUARTERLY PRICE LISTING OF CONSUMER GOODS IN CHINA

[Comment: This report on the 1953 quarterly official, retail, and wholesale prices of selected consumer goods offered for sale in Canton, Chungking, Shanghai, and Tientsin is based on a survey of Chinese Communist newspapers published in those cities. The items for which prices are listed include staple foods, petroleum, and solid fuel.

The prices listed are in people's currency at 23,430-23,670 yuan to one US dollar.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

CANTON

Item	Unit	Wholesale Price (yuan) 1 Jan (1)	1 Mar (2)	1 Sep (3)	3 Dec (4)
Rice, first quality					
Kwangtung, new stock	Shih-tan	105,000			
Hupeh, new stock	"	101,900			
Rice, second quality					
Ch'ih-mei	Shih-tan	131,200			
Ssu-miao	"	127,100			
Late stock	"	123,000			
Polished	"	110,700			
Hsin-hsing	"	111,300			
Brown	"	99,800			
Rice					
No 2, Hupeh, polished	Shih-tan	100,800			
No 1, special	"		135,000	139,000	
No 2, special	"		130,700	135,200	
No 1	"		126,400	130,800	130,800
No 2	"		122,100	122,100	122,100
No 3	"		113,500	115,500	115,500
No 4	"		107,100	109,000	109,000
No 5	"		105,000	104,600	104,600
Flour					
Hung-fu-chiang	Sack	86,000			
Lu-chien-she	"	78,000			
Lan-sheng	"	55,000			

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Item	Unit	Retail Price (yuan) 1 Jan (1)	1 Mar (2)	1 Sep (3)	3 Dec (4)
Rice, second quality					
Mei	Shih-chin	1,436			
Ssu-miao	"	1,391			
Late stock	"	1,346			
Polished	"	1,212			

CHUNGKING

Item	Unit	Retail Price (yuan) 11 Mar (5)	2 Jun (6)	1 Sep (7)	4 Dec (8)
Rice					
Top grade in Ch'u A	Chin	940	990	970	
Top grade in Ch'u B	"	930	980	970	
Medium grade in Ch'u A	"	910	950	940	940
Medium grade in Ch'u B	"	900	940	940	940
Flour, top grade	"	1,850			
Sugar					
Grade 4	"	5,450			
Medium grade	"		5,500	5,800	5,800
Salt	"	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
Pork	"	3,800	4,000	4,000	3,900
Beef	"	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
Vegetable oil	"	4,100	3,900		4,300
Beans	"	600	600	600	600
Bean sprouts	"	600	600		600
Chicken eggs, top grade	Each	390	340	360	440
Matches					
Hung-hsi	Pack	1,800	1,900		
Kweichow	"			2,500	2,200
Firewood	Chin	300	300	290	300
Flour, Fu-chiang	"		1,600	1,600	1,600

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SHANGHAI

Item	Unit	Retail Price (yuan)			
		1 Jan (9)	1 Apr (10)	1 Jul (11)	1 Dec (12)
Rice					
First quality, Pai-k'eng	Chin	1,406	1,500	1,590	
Second quality, Pai-k'eng	"	1,349	1,445	1,515	1,515
Grade 1, Hsin	"	1,169	1,245	1,245	
Grade 2, Hsin	"	1,112	1,190		
Standard, K'eng	"				1,480
Standard, Hsien	"				1,190
Flour, grade 1	Sack	76,000	83,500	85,000	
Peanut oil	Chin	4,550	4,850	5,000	
Salt, Huai	"	1,200	1,250	1,250	1,200
Coal					
Sifted lumps, Tan Yang-ch'uan	Tan	30,450	32,000	30,300	30,300
Briquettes, T'ung-i	"	27,075			
Dried firewood, pine	"	37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000
Chicken eggs, large	Each	750	550	550	750

TIENTSIN

Item	Unit	Retail Price (yuan)			
		3 Mar (13)	2 Jun (14)	1 Sep (15)	1 Dec (16)
Vermicelli					
Hung-fu-chiang	Chin	2,030	2,140	2,140	2,140
Chien-she	"	1,910	1,950	1,950	1,950
"85"	"				1,850

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Item	Unit	Retail Price (yuan)			
		3 Mar (13)	2 Jun (14)	1 Sep (15)	1 Dec (16)
Rice					
Tung-pei	Chin	1,070	1,070	1,070	
"Z" Shao-chan Tao-mi	"	1,870	1,910	1,890	1,890
Pei-ho Shao-mi	"	1,370	1,370	1,370	
Table salt	Chin	1,050	1,070	1,070	1,070
Oil					
Peanut	"	4,750	5,140	5,140	5,000
Essential	"	5,300	5,940	6,600	5,720
Kerosene, USSR	"	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100
Coal					
Briquettes	"	125	125	125	125
Ungraded, Kai-luan	"	130	130	130	130
Lumps, grade A, Men-t'ou-kou	"	165	165	170	170
Rice		1,970	2,050	1,900	
Tao-mi, grade B	--	1,870	1,920		
Shao-mi, Pei-ho	--	1,250 1,300	1,250 1,300	1,300	1,300 1,250
Shao-mi, Tung-pei	--	940 860	860 940	940	940 860
Flour, Fu-chiang	Sack	90,600	95,500	95,600	
Sugar, domestic	--		5,400 6,400	5,800 6,600	5,800 6,800
Beans, domestic	--		600 1,300	1,200 700	1,000
Salt	--	1,100 1,050	1,070 1,100	1,100	1,100
Pork	--	6,500	6,400	6,600	6,900
Beef	--	6,400	6,000	6,400	6,400

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Item	Unit	Retail Price (yuan)			
		3 Mar (13)	2 Jun (14)	1 Sep (15)	1 Dec (16)
Lamb	--	7,000		7,300	7,300
					7,200
Essential oil	--		5,940	6,600	5,750
			6,000		5,700
Chicken eggs	Each	550	300	500	550
		555	360	400	500

Item	Unit	Official Price (yuan)			
		3 Mar (13)	2 Jun (14)	1 Sep (15)	1 Dec (16)
Flour					
Hung-fu-chiang	Sack	86,300	91,000	91,000	91,000
Lu-chien-she "85"	"	81,500	83,000	83,000	83,000
	"				79,000
Rice					
Shao-chan	Chin	1,710	1,740	1,740	1,740
Pei-ho	"	1,225	1,250	1,250	1,100
Yu, Pei-ho	"		908	908	
Yu, Tung-pei	"		750	750	
Yuan, Pei-ho	"			1,600	
Yu, Tung-pei, new stock	"				730
Beans					
Chi-tou, yu-ho	"	1,650		1,800	
Yuan-tou, pei-ho	"	1,160		1,100	
Yuan-tou, Hai-ho	"			1,450	1,100
Ho-tou, Ho-pei	"		1,390	1,350	
Oil					
Peanut	--	4,200		4,670	5,200
Essential	--	4,820		6,000	
Sesame seed	--	1,950		2,420	2,100
Coal					
Ungraded, K'ai-luan	Ton			184,000	
Dust, No 1, K'ai-luan	"			157,000	
Dust, No 2, K'ai-luan	"			136,000	

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Item	Unit	Official Price (yuan)			
		3 Mar (13)	2 Jun (14)	1 Sep (15)	1 Dec (16)
Ungraded, K'ai-luan, new stock	Ton			162,000	
Dust, No 1, K'ai-luan, new stock	"			165,000	
Lumps, grade A, men-t'ou-kou	"			262,000	
Lumps, grade B, men-t'ou-kou	"			245,000	
Lumps, Yang-ch'uan	"			209,000	
Sifted lumps, Yang-ch'uan				268,000	
Mixed coal, Yang-ch'uan	"			205,000	
Dust, Yang-ch'uan	"			180,000	
Lumps, Ta-t'ung	"			315,000	
Sifted lumps, Ta-t'ung	"			273,000	
Ungraded, Ta-t'ung	"			185,000	
Dust, Ta-t'ung	"			140,000	
Petroleum					
Kerosene, for lamps, USSR	--			7,480	
Diesel fuel, domestic	--			4,690	
Diesel fuel, No 2, USSR	--			4,170	
Diesel fuel, No 4, domestic	--			3,170	
Lubricating oil, "CY", USSR	--			12,000	
Gasoline	--			7,700	
Transformer oil, USSR	--			17,700	
Transformer oil, Czechoslovakia	--			18,300	

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